

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, in the "Related Applications" section, please insert the following on line 9 after "pending U.S. Application" and before "Stent and Method...":

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On page 10, following the paragraph that begins on line 4 with "FIG. 1 depicts..." and preceding the paragraph that begins on line 6 with "FIG. 2 depicts...", please insert the following new paragraph:

-- FIG. 1A depicts a magnified view of the area circled in FIG. 1. --

On page 10, following the paragraph that begins on line 7 with "FIG. 3 depicts..." and preceding the paragraph that begins on line 9 with "FIG. 4 depicts...", please insert the following new paragraphs:

-- FIG. 3A depicts a magnified view of area 3A circled in FIG. 3. --

-- FIG. 3B depicts a magnified view of area 3B circled in FIG. 3. --